

ANN LANDERS



Better Drop It, Buster

Dear Ann Landers: Next door to us lives a divorced woman with her 16-year-old son. The problem is hers, but I'd like to do something about it if you say I should. My wife says, "Stay out of it."

The boy started to wear his hair very long about six months ago. Last week I was shocked to see that his hair had been dyed from a dark brown to a golden blonde. Also, he must have had a permanent because it was very wavy. This morning the boy was sitting on the front porch and seemed to be wearing a dress. I couldn't believe my eyes so I walked over to talk to him and, sure enough, it was a blue cotton jumper with lace on the pockets.

He said nothing about his outfit and neither did I. Don't you agree that I should report this to the authorities? Please advise. — NOT SURE

Dear Not: I can't imagine to what "authorities" you are considering making a report, but I suggest you drop the matter because there is no law against a boy wearing whatever he wants to on his own front porch—or anywhere else, provided he doesn't create a public nuisance.

I don't know if the lad is a homosexual or a transvestite and neither do you. So take your wife's advice and mind your own business, unless he asks for help one day, in which case I hope you will suggest counseling.

Dear Ann Landers: I was very happy to see the sound advice you gave to the woman who signed herself "Need A Boost." She wanted to know if it was all right to take pep pills that had transformed her cleaning lady from a dragged out slow poke to a veritable ball of fire.

My sister worked full time as a waitress while raising four active children. She did all her own housework and laundry and even kept up the yard. I asked her many times how she managed to do so much and she said, "Pep pills. I couldn't get through the day without them." I pleaded with her to take it easy. I begged her to get help in the house (her husband could well afford it), but she said: "No, every dime we don't have to pay out is money we can spend on our children."

The children are now grown and on their own. My sister is in a mental hospital. She is only 58 years old but she looks 80. She weighs less than 100 pounds and doesn't recognize any of use when we come to visit her.

The first question the doctor asked when she collapsed was, "Has she been taking any pills that you know of?"

My sister, unfortunately, acquired the pills from a "friend," without the knowledge of her physician.

Please print this story for the benefit of others for whom it may not be too late. Thank you. — CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

Dear C.M.: Here's your letter and my thanks for the personal documentation. I repeat: No medication of any kind should be taken without the approval of a physician. A pill that saved someone's life could end yours.

If you have trouble getting along with your parents . . . if you can't get them to let you live your own life, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Bugged by Parents? How to Get More Freedom." Send 50¢ in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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IN CONCERT . . . Dr. Robert Haag, a music instructor at El Camino College and newly named coordinator of community services, will be featured Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the fourth and final concert of a series of chamber music programs. The Schoenfeld Sisters—Alice and Eleanore—will appear on the program. The concert is scheduled in the Campus Theater. Tickets are \$1.50 per person.



ADMIRE TROPHY . . . Pam Oliver and Richard Epstein, North High students, show trophy which they have just won in national competition to Lehr Mushrush (at right), speech coach at the school. Miss Oliver and Epstein will represent the West Los Angeles region in the National Speech Contest, to be held in Nashville, Tenn., June 19 through 26. This marks the third time a North High debate team has won the National District Qualifying Championship.

Saxons To Keep Trophy

A pair of North High School debaters has qualified to compete in the National Speech Contest to be held in Nashville, Tenn., June 19 through 26.

Representing the West Los Angeles region in the nationwide event will be senior Pam Oliver and junior Richard Epstein, who have just won first place in the National District Qualifying Championships.

The trophy, which is awarded each year to the top team's school, will remain at North permanently because this is the third time a North High team has captured it.

IN 1962 and 1963 the trophy was won by Bud Baumgarten and Mike Jones, who placed 20th in the nation in '62 and fifth in the nation in '63. Also representing North High in the national contest was Maureen Bereskin, who won national district qualifying champion honors in original oratory in 1964.

Other trophies won by North High students at the recent qualifying district event were: Rita Reis, humorous interpretation, fifth place trophy; Sheila Levy, extemporaneous speaking, fifth place; Richard Epstein, boys' extemporaneous, third place; and Pamela Oliver, girls' extemporaneous, second place.

Speech club sponsor is Lehr Mushrush.

Pair Draw Jail Terms, Probation

Two of three men convicted in Superior Court of burglary have been given jail terms and placed on probation. A third man is to be sentenced Friday.

Judge Bernard Lawler found the trio guilty of burglary March 16 in Superior Court after the matter was submitted to him.

Merwyn A. Sargeant, 24, of Harbor City, was placed on two years probation and ordered to serve the first 180 days in the county jail. Frank R. Millard, also of Harbor City, was placed on three years probation and ordered to serve the first year in the county jail.

The third man, Carl D. Brookshire, 18, of 1341 W. Carson St., was ordered to appear Friday for probation and sentencing.

The trio was arrested last February by Torrance police investigating several burglaries in the Torrance area.



PLAN HOLIDAY . . . Duke Schneider, as Percy, and Fran Ward, who portrays Cyrenne, discuss plans for a holiday during a scene from "Rattle of a Simple Man." Chapel Theatre is presenting the play weekends through May 6. Curtain is 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturdays and 8 p.m. Sundays and reservations may be made through the theatre box office.

Hahn Seeks Delay in State Vote on Judges

The State Legislature has been asked to withhold action on a request for 14 additional Superior Court judges for Los Angeles County until it also considers a request to raise court filing fees in the county.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, chairman of Courts for the Board of Supervisors, made the request. Hahn said the two issues should be considered together since raising the fees will offset the costs of hiring the new judges.

Hahn said he also wanted to give the recently reactivated County Special Study Commission of Judicial Procedures time to study the need for the 14 judges requested by the Superior Court.

The supervisor said he feels it is unfair to ask the taxpayer to pay for the costs of judges handling civil matters

Spartans Name Cheerleaders, Song Queens

Six girls have been elected cheerleaders at South High for the 1967-68 school year. They are Cathy Giardinelli, Gail Harney, Carla Huysen, Kathy Muhonen, Ginny O'Brien, and Elena Sainz.

Newly elected song queens are Penny Anson, Debbie Cejlo, Kathy Ellis, Mallory Heavysege, Marlene Sailer, Ginger Saunders, Sue Scholle, and Jan Surber.

Work Scheduled on West High Facility

A construction contract for the West High School administration building was awarded by the Board of Education Monday night to Coy Atkins of Los Angeles.

Atkins submitted a low bid of \$424,000 for the project. Six firms submitted construction bids.

Award of the contract had been delayed for two weeks when the bids were first opened because they were considerably higher than the \$345,000 estimate furnished by architects for the project.

ATKINS, low bidder among

the six, was \$79,000 above the estimates, it was noted.

Frank L. Mattox, assistant superintendent of schools for business, told the board Monday the bids, while greater than those anticipated, did not appear to be "out of line."

Mattox said the estimates reflected "some very good bids" which the Torrance schools have received in the past few months. "We are now faced with increasing material costs, scarcity of materials, and rising labor costs," Mattox said in a memo to the board.

HE ALSO told the board that state agencies have added

to the general costs of school buildings with "demands for fire-rated constructions, panic hardware, multiple exits, fire dampers, and other things." Such demands have added "a minimum of \$10,000 to the original cost of this building," he said.

Mattox told the board he could not see any advantage to the school district in rejecting the bids and calling for new bids.

Construction of the building, to be located north of the present library building on the West High campus, is expected to begin in about two weeks, Mattox said. Completion is due next January.

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Supervisors Get Report On Storm Drain Projects

County supervisors have received and filed a report on the status of the 1958 and 1964 storm drain bond issue programs, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The rundown was prepared under the direction of Dis-

trict Chief Engineer Walter J. Wood in answer to a Board request January 17.

Chace said the report shows that plans for 99 per cent of the regular projects included in the 1958 program have been received for processing.

Of these, 96 per cent or 176 projects of 184 have been advertised for bids or built.

A like percentage of construction funds have been committed or spent on these projects.

A REVIEW of the over-all status of the 1958 program—both regular and supplemental jobs—reveals that plans for 89 per cent have been turned in for processing, and 82 per cent, representing 200 projects of the 242 called for, have been advertised or built.

Dollar-wise, a total of \$157,291,000 of a total construction fund allotment of \$179,168,000 has been spent or committed.

Plans for half the projects

included in the 1964 program have been received by District engineers for processing, Chace said. Of these, 28 per cent have been constructed or have been advertised for bids.

In construction funds, \$25,000,000 out of a total allocation of \$194,000,000 has been spent or committed to various projects.

DOLLAR TOTALS are expected to rise when larger projects included in the 1964 program are received and advertised from cities and agencies handling the plans for construction bids.

Under both the 1958 and 1964 bond issues, plans for the projects are prepared by the cities in which they are located or by the County Engineer for unincorporated territory.

Construction, operation and maintenance is a Flood Control District responsibility, Chace said.

GOP Leaders Sees Vote In 46th as Reagan Win

The special primary election for the 46th Assembly District held last week has

been hailed as a "thundering vote of approval for the Reagan-Finch administration" by Charles Soderstrom, Republican county chairman.

Speaking at a leadership meeting in the 46th District, Soderstrom said Republican candidates piled up nearly 80 per cent of all votes cast in the primary election to fill the vacancy created by the death of Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel.

"This means that almost eight out of ten voters in the district are in favor of sending a Republican to represent them in the State Legislature," Soderstrom said.

Robert G. Beverly, mayor of Manhattan Beach, was the top vote getter in the field of six Republican candidates. He

will face J. O. Lee Solomon, Democrat candidate, in balloting slated for May 9.

"This is another significant step forward for the Republican party," Soderstrom said. "It is proof that the majority of voters in the 46th District are in hearty accord with the Reagan first hundred days."

Speaker Named For Symposium

Robert W. Sabel of Torrance will speak at "The Computer Century" during a one-day technical symposium in Los Angeles May 18. The meeting is sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery.

Sabel will speak on "Requirements of Law Enforcement Data Processing"

Engineer Named For Bethlehem

Promotion of Del C. Shields to district engineer in Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s West Coast engineering district at Torrance has been announced in Bethlehem, Pa., by Thomas E. Dalby, general manager of Bethlehem's fabricated steel construction department.

Shields, who had been serving as an engineering assistant, succeeds William E. Edwards who has been promoted to the position of engineer-buildings in the home office.

COUNT MARCO

Fatties Raise Count's Wrath

How is a fat woman like a steam locomotive?

They both snort loudly, shake, rattle and roll, wheeze and shriek horribly. Both are usually in black, the locomotive covered with paint, the fat woman in basic black with pearls.

You poor dear fatties, don't you know that if you're fat you'll look just as fat in black as you will in any other color? Fat is fat and thin is thin.

All of this introduces my objection for the day. The idiotic remark that "every-

body loves a fat person" must undoubtedly have been originated by an unloved fat woman to hide not only her own blubber but her laziness as well. If the tent fits, my dears, wear it.

Have you ever noticed how much louder a fat woman is than her slimmer sisters? And, mon Dieu! How fat women laugh—long, hard and loudly! It seems obnoxiousness and obesity go together.

You insecure oversized women know in that heart buried deep in the mountain of you that fate decrees, "laugh, clown, laugh."

I have no sympathy for you

who stretch beyond the bounds of common obesity. And don't make excuses to me, I've heard them all—how you have tried diets but haven't found a successful one, how dieting makes you so nervous your family life and friends insist you stay fat, how your husband likes you so fat, and finally that overworked excuse. "I suffer from glandular trouble."

The medical world has made fantastic strides in the reduction of obesity. It is a rare case indeed that can't be reduced to humanity and very few of you are that rare, indeed.